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FE NEA ROSSIDES (CYPRUS) REPORTED TO AMB YOST RESULTS OF MTG HE CHAIRED
NEA EVENING OCT 23. ROSSIDES CONFIRMED GROUP RANGED BEYOND
P "BELGRADE COUNTRIES"; MENTIONED FIVE LATIN AMERICANS BUT DID
IOP NOT SPECIFY. CONFIRMED PRESENCE AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, AFGHANISTAN
INR AND IRAQ; ALSO MENTIONED NIGERIA.

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ROSSIDES CLAIMED THAT AFGHANISTAN'S SUGGESTION WOULD HAVE
REQUIRED US TO LIFT QUARANTINE AND THAT AFTER OTHER PERSONS HAD
SPOKEN HE, ROSSIDES, FROM CHAIR INTERPRETED SENSE OF MTG TO BE
THAT SYG WOULD MERELY APPEAL TO PARTIES NOT TO ACT IN ANY
WAY TO FURTHER AGGRAVATE SITUATION. HE SAID THAT PROPOSAL
TO BE PRESENTED TO SYG WAS THEN DISCUSSED ALONG FOL' LINES:
(1) EXPRESSION OF GROUP'S CONCERN AT SITUATION; (2) SUGGESTION
FOR SYG'S APPEAL AS ABOVE.

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ROSSIDES FURTHER PROPOSED FROM CHAIR THAT PROPOSAL CONTAIN
LANGUAGE ASKING SYG TO APPEAL TO PARTIES TO FREEZE SITUATION.
HE SAID IRAQ OBJECTED STRENUOUSLY TO THIS AND ASKED MTG TO
RETURN TO ORIGINAL AFGHANISTAN PROPOSAL WHICH IRAQ INTERPRETED
AS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE LIFTING OF QUARANTINE. ROSSIDES CLAIMED
THAT HE, WITH HELP OF NIGERIA AND OTHERS, WAS ABLE TO DIVERT
IRAQI MOVE; BUT SUGGESTION TO "FREEZE" WAS OMITTED.

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HE SAID INDONESIA SUGGESTED SYG PROPOSE SENDING OBSERVERS TO
CUBA BUT THAT CONSENSUS COULD NOT BE OBTAINED FOR THIS SO IT
WAS OMITTED.

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ROSSIDES SAID HE AND TWO SC MEMBERS (GHANA AND UAR) SAW SYG THIS
MORNING AND THAT LATTER AGREED TO ADDRESS AN APPEAL TO KENNEDY
AND KHRUSHCHEV THAT BOTH SIDES DEFER ANY ACTIVITIES FOR A FORTNIGHT
PENDING CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE. SPECIFICALLY, USSR WOULD BE

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ASKED TO DEFER DISPATCH OF SHIPS (WHICH ROSSIDES INTERPRETED AS MEANING DIVERSION OF SHIPS PRESENTLY ENROUTE). ON BASIS OF FOREGOING US WOULD BE ASKED TO WITHHOLD IMPLEMENTATION OF BLOCKADE FOR FORTNIGHT. MENTION OF CZECH SHIPS AROSE AND SYG SAID HE WOULD SAY HIS APPEAL SHOULD BE CONSTRUED AS APPLYING TO ALL OTHER SHIPS GOING TO CUBA.

YOST OBSERVED THIS WENT MUCH FURTHER THAN US QUARANTINE AND ROSSIDES INDICATED THAT QUESTION OF FOOD SHIPS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED FURTHER.

AMB YOST EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION FOR AMB ROSSIDES' EFFORTS. HE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT OBSERVERS IN CUBA WERE INDISPENSABLE. WITH EVERY PASSING DAY CONSTRUCTION IS CONTINUING VERY RAPIDLY TO MAKE OPERATIONAL THOSE MISSILES ALREADY IN CUBA. AMB ROSSIDES NOTED CUBAN OBJECTIONS TO OBSERVERS; SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLE APPROACH MIGHT BE MADE TO CUBA ON BASIS OF GUARANTEE BY UN AGAINST INTERFERENCE IN CUBA.

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